#### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## SHEXIFF'S DEPARTMENT -

DATE: April 10, 2002

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FILE:

FROM:

RICHARD L. CASTRO, COMMANDER

TRAINING DIVISION

TO: CHARLES S. HEAL, CAPTAIN

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

SUBJECT:

**EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** 

HIT SHOOTING, JUNE 21, 2001, IAB REVIEW #2038321

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the review committee's findings and recommendations concerning the use of force incident which occurred on June 21, 2001.

The Committee met on April 8, 2002, and consisted of myself, Commander David Betkey (Commander of the Department) and Commander Cathy Taylor (Commander of the Department). The Committee determined that the use of force by Deputies Clarence Gallegos # William Murray # Michael Wilber # Fred Keelin # Was and James Corrigan # Was within Department policy. Please advise the deputies of this finding.

RLC:KRK:kk

### Table of Contents

### **Hit Shooting Review**

Hit Shooting Incident Evaluation Hit Shooting Review Summary Officer Involved Shooting Report

### Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Homicide Book case# 001-00081-3199-055

Exhibit B: Photographs depicting the position and condition of the suspect's van.

Exhibit C: Photographs depicting suspect's weapon.

### Miscellaneous Documents

# Los A eles County Sheriff's Depenent Officer Involved Shooting

Page \_1 of 8

Report Date:	June	21, 2001	Bureau/Station	/Facility.	Special En	forcemen	it Bureau	Admin. In	west?		Hit?
					Incident Inforr	nation					
URN:	00	1-00081	3199-055		Date:	June 21	, 2001		Tirne:	02	210 hrs
City or Station:		Rak	win Park		Nature of Incident	Suspect (	Sutierrez barrio	caded himse	elf in his	van on	the freeway
Location: E/B 1	10 Free		razier Avenue		after committing being involved in						
Baldwin Par		Sway at 1	TOZICI AVOITO	,	members of the						
Location Type (circle one or m			ing (circle only one	):	Incident Type (cir	cle one or m	ore):		d by (circ		one):
Backyard	iora):		kness		Accidental			Arti- Cal	esi Warra I	nt	
Beach		Oth	light		Armed Person				servation		
Business			et Lights		Fleeing Suspect	z			e Person	Unit	
Freeway		""	ar English		Gun Take Awa	v		Qt-	red		
Industrial		111	A		Moving Vehicle	•	1		erch Warn		
Park		(Clea	ther (circle only one	*):	Sniper/Ambush			Tw	o Person i	Unit	
Parking Lot Residence		Clo			Startle						
Rural		Fog	*		Struggle Involve	ed			Activity (c	ircle or	nly one)
School		Rai	n		Traffic Stop Unarmed Perac	3.0			ate Transp	ont	
Street					Unintentional	,		Othe			
Other:		Dist	30 yards		Vehicle Pursuit			Rou	tine Patrol	ļ.	
Total # of Shots F	Fired by D	eputy Total	# of Shots Fired by	Suspect	Warrant Service		cnaat			_	57
8	3		10		Other Darri	icaded su	speci	Aero	Unit?		Canine Unit?
					Employee Witr	nesses					
Employee#		Last Name			Name	M.I.	ShiffTime (circl	ie only one):	ShiftTy	pe (circi	e only one):
			Gallegos		Clarence		EM PM	Day	Regula	er Qve	rtime Off Duty
Employee #		Last Name		First	Name William	M.I.	ShiftTime (elrei				e only one):
Employee #		Last Name	Murray	Eiret	Name	MI	ShiftTime (circle	Day			ntime Off Duly
ciripiovee #		Cool Hourid	Wilber		Michael		EM PM	Day			ntime Off Duty
				No	n-Employee W						
Last Name							Name				M.J.
Street Address				City		Zip C		Wor	k Ph	-	iome Ph
Last Name						First	Name				M.I.
Street Address				City		Zip C	Code	Wor	rk Ph	ŀ	iome Ph
Last Name							Name				M.I.
Sireet Address				City		Zip (	code	Wor	rk Ph		Home Ph
			200		Superviso	-	17.				
Employee #	Last	Vame		First N	ame	M.I	(circle one or On Duty	(more):	<	Witne	ss to shooting
		K	ubly		Rod		_	turing shoot			red in shooting
Employee #	Last			First N		MI	(circle one or On Duty			Witne	ss to shooting
		E	well		Jack		Present d	uring shoot	ng >	Involv	ed in shooting
					Watch Serg	eant					
Employee #		Last Name					First Name	-215			M.i.
					Watch Comm	ander					
Employee #		Last Name	77.				First Name				M.I.
S.II.p.Oyeo #		301 / 101110		Evans				Daryl			
				_46113				Dury			

* 400	PSTD Use Gally
SH#	

## Officer Involved Shooting

"RN: 001-00081-3199-055

Page 2 of 8

				TOTTIALION			
Arrival	Date June 21, 2001	Arrival Time	0255 Date Sub	Jan. 31, 2002	Date of Recommendation		
Emplo	yee # Last Name	Reyes		First Nami Hei	nry		M.I
Emplo	Last Name	Vorejon	-	First Nam Elie	er'		M.I
Emplo	vee # Last Name	Slover		First Nam Will	a		M.I
	6		Shooting / For	ce Information			
Veth				Турс	of injury	Body	Part Injure
(AW) (ABC) (BIS) (CCH) (TCCC) (TEX) (FRS) (FB) (FB)	Arwen Baton:(Control) Baton:(Impact) Bodily Fluids Canine Carotid Restraint Choke Hold Control Holds:(Control Techniq Control Holds:(Takedown) Chemical Chemical Agents (OC Spray) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas) Explosives Flrearm (Handgun) Firearm (Rifle) Firearm (Shotgun) Firearm (Other) Flashbang Flashlight Other Weapon: Edged		Other Weapon: Vehicle Other Weapon: Blunt Obje Other Weapon: Other Personal Weapon: Feet/L Personal Weapon: Feet/L Personal Weapon (Hand/ Personal Weapon (Push) Personal Weapon (Other) Resistance Restraint Device (Capture Restraint Device: Handcu Restraint Device: Hobble ( Restraint Device: Hobble ( Restraint Device: REACT Sap Shield 37mm Stinger Sting Ball Stun Bag Taser Uncooperative	eg: (Kick) eg: (Sweep) (CP) (CO) (DH) (DI) (DB) ext() ffs) (GS) Legs Only) (LC)	Abrasion Bruise Burn Complaint of Pain Concussion Death Dislocation Dog Bite Fractures Gunshot Human Bite Lacerations Nerve Damage Organ Damage Paralysis Puncture Wound Soft Tissue Damage Sprain/Twists Unconacious		Abdomen Ankle Arm Back Buttocks Chest Elbow Face Feet Fingers Genitals Groin Hand Head Hip Internal Knees Leg Neck Shoulder
Bran (AK)	AK-47 (IV)	)	(RI) RGI	(RM)	Refused Med Treatment	(WR)	Wrist

## FORCE APPLIED (one code per block)

(JE)

(LO)

(LU)

(MA)

(MO)

(NC)

(NA)

(NO)

(RA)

(RM) (RG) Jennings

Mossberg NCI aka SKS

North American

Lordin

Luger

Martin

Norinco

Remington

Rayen

RG

(RO)

(SW)

(SR)

(ST)

(TA)

(WE)

(WN)

(US)

(YY)

(XX)

(ZZ)

Rossi

Sterling

Taurus

Smith & Wesson

**US Government** 

Handmade (inmate)

Homemade (Non-Inmate)

Sturm Ruger

Weatherby

Winchester

Other Brand

(NN)

Caliber

(9)

(10)

(12)

(20)

(21)

(22)

NONE

.243 caliber

.25 caliber

.308 caliber

.357 caliber

.38 caliber

40 caliber

30-60 caliber

(25)

(30)

(35)

(36)

(38)

(41)

(44)

(45)

(50)

(SL)

(WW)

410 guage

.44 caliber

.45 caliber

Other caliber

50 mm

Slug

9 mm

10 mm

12 guage

20 guage

.22 caliber

.223 caliber

.22-250

(BN) (BR)

(BW)

(CH) (CO) (DA) (GL) (HA) (HK) (HK) Benelli

Beretta

Cott

Glock

H&K

Ithica

Browning

Charter Arms

Hi Standard

Davis Industries

Harrington & Richardson

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	FH	ZZ	9			NN	
S#1	E#2	FH	ZZ	9			NN	
S#1	E#3	FH	ZZ	9			NN	
E#1	S#1	FH	HK	9	Y	Y	GS	ВК
E#2	S#1	FR	CO	23	Y	Y	GS	HE
E#3	S#1	FH	HK	9	Y	Y	GS	BK
E#1	S#1	FB					NN	
E#4	S#1	TG					NN	
E#5	S#1	TG					NN	

## Officer Involved Shooting Involved Employee Information

URN: 001-00081-3199-055

Page <u>3</u> of <u>8</u>

				Involved Employee			
E_1	Employee #	Last Name Gallegos			First Name Claret		M.L.
	Sex: Race: M H	Rank B-1		Unit Assignment: SEB	Work Assignment (Uni	t #, Module, etc.): Black Team	
	ShiftTime (circle anly one):  EM PM Day	ShiftType (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:		
	Hospital Admission? Hospital Name:			Coroner Case?	Coroner Case #		Interviewed?
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 7 Age: Height:	Outy Time (hrs): Weight:	Plain Cl	(circle only one): othes no Vest Raid Jacket w/ Vest othes w/ Vest Uniform no Vest	Other Factors:		
		509 180		cket no Vest Uniform w/ Vest	Laser Trainin	g Date:	
				Certification Unit:		Number of Prior	Shootings: 1
	Certified with Weapon Used? Field Training Officer Emp #	Patrol Certification	m?		Prior Shootings?		M.I.
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name			First Name		M.I.
E 2	Employee #	Last Name	_		First Name		M.I.
	Sex: Race: W	Murray Renk B-1		Unit Assignment SEB	Work Assignment (Un		
	ShiftTime (circle only one): EM (PM) Day	ShiftType (circle only one): Regular (Overtime) Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:		
	Hospital Admission?	Hospital Name:		Coroner Case?	Coroner Case #		Interviewed?
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8 Age: Height:	Outy Time (hrs) Weight: 195	Plain Cl	(circle only one): othes no Vest Raid Jacket w Vest othes w/ Vest Uniform no Vest cket no Vest Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:		
	Range Qualification Date:		PPC Q	palification Date:	Laser Trainin	*	
	Certified with Weapon Used?		in?	Certification Unit:	Prior Shoatings?	Number of Prior	
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name			First Name	<b>.</b>	M.J.
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name			First Name		M.L.
E_3	Employee #	Last Name Wilber			First Name Miche		M.I.
	Sex: Race: W	Rank B-1		Unit Assignment: SEB	Work Assignment (Un	it #, Module, etc.): Black Team	
	ShiftTime (circle only one):  EM PM Day	ShiffType (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:		
	Hospital Admission?	Hospital Name:		Coroner Case?	Coroner Case #		Interviewed?
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:  7 Age: Height:	Outy Time (hrs): Weight 210	Plain Cl	(circle only one): othes no Vest Raid Jacket w/ Vest othes w/ Vest Uniform no Vest cket no Vest Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:		
	Range Qualification Date:	210		ualification Date:	Laser Trainir	g Date:	
	Certified with Weapon Used	Patrol Certification	n?	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings?	Number of Prior	Shootings:
	Field Training Officer Emp#	Last Name			First Name		M.I.
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name			First Name		M.I.

# Officer Involved Shooting Involved Employee Information

URN: \_\_\_001-00081-3199-055

Page 4 of 8

				Involved Employee		
4	Employee #	Last Name <b>Keelin</b>			First Name Fred	MI.
	Sex: Race: W	Rank B-1		Unit Assignment: SEB	Work Assignment (Unit	#, Module, etc.): Tan Team
	ShiftTime ( <i>circle only</i> one): EM (PM) Day	ShiftType (circle only one Regular Overtime) Off Du		Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:	
	Hospital Admission?	Hospital Name:		Coroner Case?	Coroner Case #	Interviewed?
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:  8 Age: Height: 6	Outy Time (hrs). Weight:	Plain C Plain C Raid Ja	(circle only one) lothes no Vest Raid Jacket w/ Vest lothes w/ Vest Uniform no Vest cluel no Vest Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors.	
	Range Qualification Date:		PPC Q	ualification Date:	Laser Training	
	Certified with Weapon Used?	Patrol Certifica	tion?	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings?	Number of Prior Shootings: 1
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name			First Name	M.L.
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name			First Name	M.I.
5	Employee #	Last Name Corrigan			First Name James	
	Sex: Race: W	Rank B-1		Unit Assignment: SEB	Work Assignment (Unit	#, Module, etc.): Blue Tearn
	ShiftTime (circle only one): EM (PM) Dsy	ShiftType (circle only one Regular Overtime) Off Du		Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:	
	Hospital Admission?	Hospital Name:		Coroner Case?	Coroner Case #	Interviewed?
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 7 Age: Height: 6	Outy Time (hrs): Weight:	Plain C	(circle anly one): Journes no Vest Raid Jacket ww Vest Jordon no Vest Uniform no Vest Licket no Vest Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:	
	Range Qualification Date:		PPC Q	usification Date:	Laser Training	
	Certified with Weapon Used?	Patrol Certifica	tion?	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings?	Number of Prior Shootings: 1
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name			First Name	MI
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name			First Name	M.I.
	Employee #	Last Name			First Name	M.t.
	Sex: Race:	Rank		Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit	#, Module, etc.).
	ShiftTime (circle only one): EM PM Day	ShiftType (circle only one Regular Overtime Off Du		Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:	
	Hospital Admission?	Hospital Name:		Coroner Case?	Coroner Case #	Interviewed?
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):		(circle only one): lighes no Vest Raid Jacket w/ Vest	Other Factors:	1
	Age: Height:	Weight:	Plain C	Cathes w/ Vest Uniform no Vest acket no Vest Uniform w/ Vest		
	Range Qualification Date:		PPC Q	ualification Date:	Laser Training	Date:
H	Certified with Weapon Used?	Patrol Certifica	tion?	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings?	Number of Prior Shootings:
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name			First Name	M.1.
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name			First Name	M.I.

## Officer Involved \$1 Suspect Information

hooting	JRN:_	001-00081-31	199-055	
ation		Page	5 of	8

Suspect Information Last Name Gutierrez First Name Santiago M.I. G AKA Last Name First Name M.I. Sex: M state & Zio Code Street Address City H Social Security # Work Phone; Home Phone Driver's License # Age: 38 ČII# D.O.B. 507 9-12-62 175 Booking # Primary Charge: Secondary Charge: 6918373 664/187 211 Coroner Case # Substance Used Coroner Case? Intoxication/Drug Usage? Armed? Mental Illness? Criminal History? Apprehended? Vehicle Make Model Year. VAN CHEVROLET 2000 Last Name First Name M.I. **AKA** Last Name First Name M.I. State & Zip Code: Street Address: Sex: Race City Home Phone: Social Security #: Driver's License #: Work Phone: D.O.B. Weight: FBI # CII# Age: Height: Primary Charge: Booking # Secondary Charge: Coroner Case # Substance Used: Intoxication/Drug Usage? Coroner Case? Apprehended? Mental Illness? Criminal History? Armed? Model Year. Vehicle Make First Name Last Name M.I. First Name M.I. AKA Last Name City State & Zip Code: Street Address: Sex. Race Work Phone: Home Phone. Social Security #: Driver's License #: D.O.B. Weight FBI# Height: Age: Booking # Primary Charge: Secondary Charge. Coroner Case # Substance Used: Intoxication/Drug Usage? Coroner Case? Mental Illness? Criminal History? Armed? Apprehended? Model Vehicle Make Year First Name Last Name M.L \$ **AKA** Last Name First Name M.L Street Address: City State & Zip Code: Race: Sex: Home Phone. Social Security #: Work Phone: Driver's License #: D.O.B. Height: Weight FBI# CII# Age: Booking # Primary Charge: Secondary Charge: Coroner Case # Substance Used: Intoxication/Drug Usage? Coroner Case? Mental Iliness? Armed? Criminal History? Apprehended? Vehicle Make Model:

# SUPPLEMEN AL NON-EMPLOYEL NITNESSES Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

6 of 8 Page Non-Employee Witnesses M.L Last Name First Name Street Address Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph Firşt Name Last Name Home Ph Zip Code Work Ph Street Address Last Name First Name MI Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph Street Address First Name M.I. Last Name Zip Code Home Ph Work Ph Street Address M.I. Last Name First Name Home Ph Zip Code Work Ph Street Address First Name M.I. Last Name Home Ph Zip Code Work Ph Street Address First Name Last Name Home Ph Zip Code Work Ph Street Address M.I. First Name Last Name Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph Street Address First Name M.I. Last Name Zip Code Home Ph Work Ph Street Address M.L Last Name First Name Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph Street Address First Name M.I. Last Name Work Ph Home Ph Street Address Zip Code Last Name First Name Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph Street Address Firşt Name M.I. Last Name Home Ph Zip Code Work Ph Street Address M.J. First Name Last Name Work Ph Home Ph Zip Code Street Address M.L. Last Name First Name Home Ph Street Address Zip Code Work Ph Last Name First Name M.I. Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph Street Address

# SUPPLEM\_ITAL EMPLOYEE V\_NESSES Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

mployee Witnesses	man kin		1.00
Cast Name Kubly	First Name Rod		м.I. R
Street Address 130 S. Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles	Zip Code 90022	Work Ph 323-264-7084	Home Ph
ast Name Evans	First Name Daryl	C. A CARLO SPANNING CO.	M.I.
Street Address 130 S. Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles	Zip Code 90022	Work Ph 323-264-7084	Home Ph
ast Name Ewell	First Name Jack	esse the attention part of the	M.I.
Street Address 130 S. Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles	Zip Code 90022	Work Ph. 323-264-7084	Home Ph
ast Name Moore	First Name Jeff	THE ROLL FOR THE PARTY AND	M.I.
Street Address 130 S. Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles	Zip Code 90022	Work Ph 323-264-7084	Home Ph
ast Name Riggin	First Name Jeff		M.1.
Street Address 130 S. Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles	Zip Code 90022	Work Ph. 323-264-7084	Home Ph
ast Name Harrell	First Name Jarnes		M.I.
Street Address 130 S. Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles	Zip Code 90022	Work Ph 323-264-7084	Home Ph
ast Name Wilkerson	First Name Gary		M.1.
Street Address 130 S. Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles	Zip Code 90022	Work Ph 323-264-7084	Home Ph
Last Name O'Sullivan	First Name Dave	2	M.I.
Street Address 130 S. Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles	Zip Code 90022	Work Ph 323-264-7084	Home Ph
Last Name Baclawski	First Name Joseph		M.I.
Street Address 130 S. Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles	Zip Code 90022	Work Ph 323-264-7084	Home Ph
Last Name Ruiz	First Name Steven	1	M.I.
Street Address 130 S. Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles	Zìp Code 90022	Work Ph 323-264-7084	Home Ph
Last Name Velasquez	First Name Sal	Company A service with the control of	M.I.
Street Address 130 S. Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles	Zip Code 90022	Work Ph 323-264-7084	Home Ph
Last Name Chase	First Name Bruce		M.I.
Street Address 130 S. Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles	Zip Code 90022	Work Ph 323-264-7084	Home Ph
Last Name Garay	First Name Ralph		M.I.
Street Address 130 S. Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles	Zip Code 90022	Work Ph 323-264-7084	Home Ph
Last Name Bones	First Name John		M.L.
Street Address 130 S. Fetterly Ave., Los Angeles	Zip Code 90022	Work Ph 323-264-7084	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name	The state of the s	M.I.
Street Address	Zìp Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		MJ.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph

# SUPPLEM JTAL EMPLOYEE V NESSES Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

8 of 8 Page **Employee Witnesses** M.I. First Name Last Name Hame Ph Street Address Zip Code Work Ph \*268134100000 Last Name First Name Home Ph Zip Code Work Ph Street Address CONTRACTOR OF THE SECOND First Name M.I. Last Name Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph Street Address Last Name First Name M.I. Zip Code Home Ph Work Ph Street Address 47.9540**000000**0770054-2915.2 M.I. First Name Last Name Zip Code Home Ph Street Address Work Ph First Name Last Name M.I. Zip Çode Work Ph Home Ph Street Address Last Name First Name MJ. Home Ph Zip Code Street Address Work Ph M.I. Last Name First Name Street Address Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph Last Name First Name Work Ph Home Ph Zip Code Street Address M.1. First Name Last Name Street Address Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph First Name Last Name Home Ph Zip Code Work Ph Street Address kar entre de Mariano d First Name M.I. Last Name Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph Street Address Last Name First Name M.I. Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph Street Address First Name Last Name Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph Street Address M.I. First Name Last Name Home Ph Zip Code Work Ph Street Address M.I. Last Name First Name Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph Street Address



# LOS ANGEL COUNTY DISTRICT AT RNEY'S OFFICE BUREAU OF FRAUD AND CORRUPTION PROSECUTIONS JUSTICE SYSTEM INTEGRITY DIVISION

STEVE COOLEY • District Attorney
CURT LIVESAY• Chief Deputy District Attorney
PETER BOZANICH • Assistant District Attorney

DAVID H. GUTHMAN . Director

February 25, 2002

Captain Frank Merriman
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Homicide Bureau
5747 Rickenbacker Road
Commerce, California 90040

Dear Captain Merriman:

Re:

J.SI.D. File # 01-0526

L.A.S.D. File # 001-00081-3199-055

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the June 21, 2001 on-duty non-fatal shooting of Santiago Gutierrez by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies Clarence Gallegos, William Murray, and Michael Wilber. We have concluded that Deputies Gallegos, Murray and Wilber acted lawfully in self-defense and defense of others.

The following analysis is based on Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau reports totaling 151 pages, an examination of the shooting scene and autopsy photographs related to the shooting, statements of witnesses at the scene, and our own Bureau of Investigation reports.

The District Attorney's Command Post was notified of this shooting on June 21, 2001 at 2:35 a.m. Assistant Head Deputy John Gilligan and Senior Investigator responded immediately to the scene on the eastbound San Bernardino Freeway in Baldwin Park. We were briefed and given a walk-through of the scene by Sheriff's Homicide Detective Stephen Davis.

### **FACTUAL ANALYSIS**

On June 20, 2001, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Santiago Gutierrez drove into a Mobil station at 12670 Ramona Boulevard in the city of Baldwin Park. He approached Linda Voshihara, a customer, at one of the pumps and demanded her gas card, saying he would shoot her if she did not comply. Gutierrez was armed with what victim Linda Voshihara described as a machine gun. Gutierrez repeatedly told her to, "Turn the fucking pump on, bitch!" Apparently the victim was not complying fast enough for Gutierrez who then

fired a round into the air. Voshihara attempted to calm Gutierrez by telling him that she was a social worker for the county. This had the opposite effect on Gutierrez who then said, "You work for the County, I ought to shoot your ass right now!"

Gutierrez then ordered Voshihara into his van. She refused and ran into the gas station, as did her passenger. The attendant, having heard the conversation over the intercom, told Gutierrez to go ahead and fill his car as the attendant had turned on the pump. The attendant also called 911. Gutierrez filled his van with twenty gallons of gas and left while brandishing his Intratec Tec-9 assault pistol at another motorist entering the gas station.

California Highway Patrol Officer

observed the van near the Mobil Station and followed it while waiting for assisting units to arrive. At he intersection of Beth and Athol streets in Baldwin Park, Gutierrez fired three rounds at Officer

A few minutes later, near the 3800 block of Durfee Avenue, Gutierrez fired four more rounds at Officer

was not struck by any of the rounds.

What followed was a four and one-half hour high-speed chase through Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Gutierrez's vehicle reached speeds of over one hundred miles-per-hour on the freeway and over eighty miles-per-hour on surface streets. The pursuing officers lost track of the number of stop signs and red lights that were ignored by Gutierrez. The chase was broadcast live by several television stations.

During the remainder of the chase, Gutierrez fired at pursuing officers on three separate

During the remainder of the chase, Gutierrez fired at pursuing officers on three separate occasions. At approximately 3:40 p.m., while near the intersection of Bess Street and Magnum Avenue in the City of Baldwin Park, Gutierrez fired three to four rounds at Baldwin Park Detectives and Sergeant and Sergeant all of whom were driving in the same vehicle equipped with activated lights and siren.

At approximately 5:45 p.m., near the intersection of Park View Summer Drive and Francisquito Drive in Baldwin Park, Gutierrez fired two rounds at California Highway Patrol Officer was driving the lead vehicle in the pursuit at that time. Officer saw Gutierrez aiming his pistol at him. Neither Officer nor his vehicle was struck by any of the rounds.

At 7:40 p.m., near the intersection of the 71 freeway and the San Bernardino Freeway in the City of Pomona, Gutierrez fired twice at California Highway Patrol Officer saw Guteierrez point the Tec-9 at him and fire twice. Officer ducked below the dashboard and swerved to avoid being hit. Neither the officer nor his vehicle was struck by any of the rounds.

During the pursuit, Gutierrez was seen talking on a cell phone by pursuing officers and by the television crewmembers in the news helicopters following the pursuit. Gutierrez called a second named She called the Baldwin Park Police when she heard what was occurring and saw the pursuit on television. When Baldwin Park officers went to her home and talked to Gutierrez, he told them that he wanted to die and "to take some cops with him." Gutierrez then hung up and would not pick up the cell phone when they called. Ms. State told the Baldwin Park officers that Gutierrez was having marital and financial problems and that Gutierrez and his were being evicted from their home.

At approximately 8:00 p.m., as the van was traveling eastbound on the San Bernardino Freeway between Frazier Avenue and the Bess Avenue pedestrian over-crossing, it ran out of gas and rolled to a stop in the number five lane. California Highway Patrol officers who had been in pursuit ordered Gutierrez out of the van using the public address system in their patrol cars. When Gutierrez refused to come out, the Highway Patrol requested the assistance of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Special Enforcement Bureau in resolving the standoff.

By 9:20 p.m. the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department took over responsibility for the incident. The Special Enforcement Bureau deployed in strategic positions around the van. Utilizing a robot, a crisis negotiator and the S.E.B. sent Gutierrez a cell phone. Gutierrez spoke briefly on the cell phone and stated that he was not coming out of the van alive. At approximately 10:50 p.m. Gutierrez threw the phone out of the van. There was no further direct communication with Gutierrez after that. At approximately 11:02 p.m., using the front door of the van, he knocked over the robot that had delivered the cell phone.

At 11:10 p.m., S.E.B. deputies reported hearing the sound of a gunshot and observed glass fly from the front windshield of the van. No one was injured and no projectile was recovered.

Two larger robots were obtained by the S.E.B. deputies. One was sent to the driver's side of the van with another cell phone in an attempt to make contact with Gutierrez. He would not pick up the phone. At approximately 12:55 a.m. the decision was made to use the two robots to block the doors of the van. Approximately twenty minutes later, Gutierrez pointed a pistol out the window of the van and threatened to shoot the robots.

At approximately 1:30 a.m., the decision was made to shoot a tear gas round into the van in an effort facilitate Gutierrez's surrender. It should be noted that at this point the entire eastbound San Bernardino Freeway had been closed for approximately five and one-half hours due to the standoff. The tear gas round entered the van, shattering the passenger side window.

Approximately one minute later, Gutierrez looked out through the broken window and then pointed his assault pistol in the direction three of S.E.B. deputies who were

positioned to the rear of the van. Deputy Bill Murray was in the turret of an Armored Response Vehicle, a military styled armored car with a gun turret. In response, Deputy Murray fired three rounds from his AR-15 rifle at Gutierrez. Deputies Mike Wilber and Clarence Gallegos were positioned behind the van. Both were armed with MP-5 submachine guns. Gallegos and Wilber each fired two rounds at Gutierrez. Gutierrez, who had been struck by the gunfire, was observed moving around and appeared to be wiping blood from his face.

Approximately fifteen minutes after the deputies first fired at Gutierrez, another round of tear gas was fired into the van. There was no reaction by Gutierrez. The time was now approximately 2:00 a.m. Five minutes later another gas canister and a flash bang grenade were fired into the van. Gutierrez was heard yelling and coughing and could be seen moving about after the tear gas canister and flashbang impacted inside the van.

At approximately 2:06 a.m., S.E.B. deputies observed what appeared to be the Tec-9 used by Gutierrez outside the rear of the passenger side of the van. The deputies decided to fire one more flashbang and use that as a diversion to open the van. The grenade was exploded and the deputies attempted to open the door of the van. The door was secured from the inside with a leather belt and a pair of handcuffs. The deputies used bolt cutters to cut through the handcuffs and enter the van. Guttierez was removed and waiting paramedics begin to treat his wounds.

Gutierrez was struck twice by gunfire. One was a non-life threatening through and through gunshot wound on his right side towards the back. A second gunshot, which entered Gutierrez's head above his right ear, remains lodged under his left eye. Neither of the rounds that struck Gutierrez were recovered for any firearms testing or comparison. Gutierrez survived his wounds but is paralyzed on the left side of his body. He remains in County-U.S.C. Medical center where his condition is listed as fair.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office charged Gutierrez with six counts of attempted murder of a peace officer in Case # KA052977. There is a pretrial conference on February 28, 2002 in Department N of the Pomona Branch Superior Court.

#### CONCLUSION

According to the law in the State of California, the use of deadly force in self-defense or in the defense of others is justifiable if the person claiming the right to use self-defense actually and reasonably believed (1) that he or she, or the person who he or she was defending, was in imminent danger of death or great bodily injury; and (2) that it was necessary under the circumstances to use deadly force to avoid such imminent death or great bodily injury.

When S.E.B. Deputies Wilbur, Murray and Gallegos fired their weapons at Mr. Gutierrez, they were clearly in danger of being shot by an armed suspect who they knew had already fired his Tec-9 pistol numerous times at other officers during a high-speed chase. Additionally, Gutierrez had specifically stated that he was not coming out of the van alive and that he wanted to take some cops with him. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department clearly showed a great deal of restraint in dealing with an extremely dangerous suspect whose actions closed down one of the busiest freeways in the state of California. The actions of Deputies Wilbur, Gallegos and Murray were clearly in self-defense and defense of others. We are closing our file and will take no further action in this matter.

Very truly yours,

STEVE COOLEY

District Attorney

By

JOHN FRANCIS GILLIGAN

**Assistant Head Deputy** 

(213) 974-7435

c: Deputy Clarence Gallegos, Serial #

Deputy Michael Wilber, Serial #

Deputy William Murray, Serial #